



FRIDAY EVENING, MAY 20, 1910

HALLEY'S COMET of 1910 has doubtless enlisted more interest than any that has heretofore appeared in the heavens since man was placed upon the earth, and in the face of the positive assurances to the contrary by the greatest living astronomers, many persons still believe the visitor is a harbinger of evil, even should no harm occur to the earth during its coming and going. So far as can be learned from history no comet has ever collided with our planet nor has any one been hurt by such wanderers in space. But the apprehensive call attention to the fact that there are spots on the sun and other heavenly phenomena that is not explained to their satisfaction. Solar spots are often noticeable, and any person who will take a piece of smoked glass and examine the sun will probably find spots at any time. There are passages in the Bible which cause nearest to many who read literally what has been written. For instance, "And there shall be great earthquakes in divers places, and families and positions, and fearful sights and great signs shall there be from heaven." "And there shall be signs in the sun, and in the moon, and in the stars, and upon the earth distress of nations, men's hearts failing them for fear, and for looking after those things which are coming on the earth, for the powers of the heavens shall be shaken." There were people in Alexandria yesterday evening who were no little excited at looking upon what they supposed was the comet whizzing in the face of the sun. Others were confident that they saw the moon suddenly change her position and color but the night passed away serenely and today has been especially pacific.

CONFRONTED by certain defeat on remaining sections of the railroad bill, and the possibility of the adoption of Senator Cummins' amendment prohibiting increases in rates until they are approved by the Interstate Commerce Commission, Senator Aldrich has rushed away to New York. It is said, for conference with the representatives of the railroad interests there, and the bill itself has been laid aside until Monday. Although he won a partial victory with democratic aid Wednesday, and expected to obtain an agreement with the democrats yesterday to give him full control of the situation, Mr. Aldrich saw all his plans in that direction crumble into failure, and he is again seeking to make terms with the republican progressives. He started yesterday to tie the democrats up with a written agreement that they would vote against all progressive amendments on conditions that sections 13, 14 and 15, dealing with railroad capitalization, be stricken from the bill, but his attempt failed and a postponement of action followed.

THE embarrassment of the Taft administration has been increased by the announcement that the statehood bill, a part of the Taft programme, will not be allowed to pass at this session. Some of the democrats say that if the statehood bill is pigeonholed they will hold up the remainder of the Taft legislative programme, and will start a filibuster that will compel adjournment without the passage of a single one of the president's pet measures. This is exactly what they should do. The preventing of territories from becoming states simply because they may send democrats to the Senate is carrying partisanship too far.

IN Newport News on Tuesday warrants charging violations of the Sherman anti-trust law were sworn out against 40 representatives of various insurance companies, all members of the Southeastern Underwriters' Association. The warrants were served Wednesday at Hot Springs, where the association is in session. The warrants charge that the companies have conspired to unlawfully raise insurance rates in Newport News, also with forming a conspiracy in restraint of trade, in violation of the state law. The association has increased the insurance rates at Newport News 10 per cent. Many of the insurance companies have formed a combine and openly act in defiance of the law. These should be made to feel the full force of the anti-trust laws.

### From Washington.

Washington, May 20.—The array of special counsel, assistants, secretaries and experts witnesses who are to appear before the International Arbitration Tribunal at the Hague in the Newfoundland fisheries case have completed preparations for their sailing on the Lapland for Amsterdam on Saturday. They will proceed immediately to the Hague where the court convenes on June 1st.

The interstate commerce committee of the House has decided that no action on the Crona federal grain inspection bill will be taken at this session of Congress. A heavy earthquake shock probably somewhere in Central America, is indicated by seismograph readings recorded at Georgetown University and at the

Weather Bureau today. Shocks were of 14 minutes duration, beginning at 7:14 a. m. Two especially heavy tremors were recorded at 7:20 and 7:22. Rev. Father Korndorff, in charge of the Georgetown University instruments, calculated that the quake was somewhere in the neighborhood of the recent Costa Rican disturbances.

President Taft, members of the cabinet and other high officials of the government attended the memorial service for the late King Edward which was held at St. John's Episcopal church under the auspices of the British embassy today. The little church was packed to the doors with the distinguished congregation to which included the British Ambassador, James Bryce, and staff, the foreign ministers and ambassadors and members of the diplomatic body. Services were conducted by the Rev. Roland Cotton Smith, the rector of the church.

The committee on manufacturing today heard arguments on the bill to regulate cold storage.

Refusing to accept a "date," George E. Beckett, of 3407 O street jumped feet foremost from the railing of the Aqueduct bridge, landed safely in the water ninety feet below, and swam to shore unassisted. Beckett, who is nineteen years old. Almost hidden by shrubbery, the body of a man with a bullet hole in his right temple was found in the Capitol grounds early this morning. A revolver was grasped tightly in the man's right hand and there is not a doubt in the minds of the police that he took his own life. No papers or cards, or anything that might lead to the man's identity, except a gold watch with the initials "J. S. M." engraved on the charm, were found about the clothing. He is supposed to have come from Richmond.

It begins to look as if the republicans who would unseat Judge Saunders of the Fifth Virginia district had been seized with cold feet. The story to the effect that he would be sent back to the district circulated here a week or ten days ago, has helped him. It is rumored now that the committee will not hold a meeting this session of Congress.

It is reported that the railroads will raise their passenger and freight charges to an extent more than meet the expenditures made by them because of the increase wages they are paying their men and the higher cost of materials.

The House District Committee has voted for a bill to give the District of Columbia and against permitting the gas companies to increase their present capitalization.

The Senate District Committee today ordered a favorable report on the bill to give a franchise to the Telephone Company.

### Sixty-first Congress.

#### SENATE

The naval appropriation bill was taken up for consideration in the Senate today. It carries \$136,935,000, an increase of \$3,900,000 added by the Senate, leaving a decrease from last year's bill of more than \$6,000,000.

The reading of the bill proceeded for committee amendment.

Senator Burton offered an amendment striking out the provision for two battleships and limiting the authorization to one.

Senator Clay spoke at length in support of the one battleship amendment.

#### HOUSE

Mr. Havens, of New York, the newly elected democrat, announced during a speech that he would vote for the tariff board provision thereby giving notice that he would not follow the democratic leader. "Let us get the facts," he declared. "We democrats are right on this tariff question, the republicans are wrong and the facts will bear us out." He declared that he will not seek re-election because there is no longer a boss to defeat in Rochester and because he cannot afford to follow a political career. He asserted that he owes his election in great measure to the unpopularity of the Payne tariff law and he attacked the bill vigorously. He criticized particularly the wool schedule which he declared was almost thievish.

General debate was resumed on the sundry civil bill.

The House adjourned at 4 o'clock to witness the parade of the Sunday school congress.

### Lower Court Reversed.

St. Paul, Minn., May 20.—The Standard Oil Company may be ousted from Minnesota by the result of a decision handed down today by the state Supreme Court. In an opinion written by Justice T. D. O'Brien, Justice C. L. Lewis dissenting, the order of Judge George L. Bonn, of Ramsey county District Court, sustaining the demurrer interposed by the oil company is reversed, and the case remanded for a new trial.

The case was brought by former Attorney General E. T. Young to revoke the license of the Standard to do business in Minnesota on the ground that the company was guilty of unfair competition by charging lower prices at competitive points for the purpose of destroying business rivals. The Standard Oil Company demurred on the ground that the law was invalid and unconstitutional, being class legislation.

### KNIGHTS OF HONOR.

Election and installation of officers occupied most of the time of the session of the Grand Lodge of Knights of Honor of Virginia held in Richmond yesterday. The election resulted as follows: Grand Dictator, W. M. Seay, of Lynchburg; Grand Vice-Dictator, Benjamin Reynolds, of Norfolk; Grand Assistant Dictator, M. P. Oarder, of Bedford City; Grand Reporter and Treasurer, Thomas D. Billie, of Washington, D. C.; Grand Trustees—M. C. Robertson and James R. Lankin, of Richmond, and Cal H. Hodges, of Norfolk; Supreme Representative, James R. Lankin, of Richmond; Alternate Supreme Representative, M. C. Robertson, of Richmond.

It was shown that the Knights of Honor, perhaps the pioneer of fraternal beneficial institutions, has paid to the widows and orphans of members more than \$97,000,000 during the past thirty-three years. Of this amount \$5,000,000 has been paid in Virginia.

### DENIAL OF DENIAL.

A dispatch from Rome says evidently ideas as to what constitutes discourtesy differ.

### The Funeral of King Edward.

London, May 20.—The body of King Edward VII, late King of England and foremost among the rulers of the earth, was laid to rest today in St. George's chapel, Windsor, where seven other British kings are buried.

It was the most impressive funeral the world has ever seen and literally speaking the world did see it, for nine ruling monarchs, the official representatives of other powers and a host of lesser royalty, including the heirs apparent to many of the world's thrones, took part in the obsequies.

The procession left Westminster Hall at 9:50 and from that moment until the royal coffin was deposited in St. George's chapel, the obsequies were never lacking in imposing, dramatic and spectacular features.

Despite the presence of 35,000 soldiers and several thousand policemen along the line of march, the crowds were so dense and the people so distraught that numerous panics were narrowly averted.

There is no way of arriving at an accurate estimate of the number of the people who witnessed or rather tried to witness the procession. They not only packed the line of march, but filled all the side streets, covered the roofs of houses, and even fought for positions at points where there was no possibility of obtaining a view of the pageant. Probably 2,500,000 people either saw or tried to see it.

Among the many touching incidents that marked the funeral, none affected the crowd more than the act of Alexandra, the queen mother, who, before entering her carriage in the procession, stopped and stroked the mane of the late king's favorite charger and patted the head of Caesar, a fox terrier which Edward was very fond. The terrier was brought to the palace today by a giant Highlander. It has whined constantly since the death of the king and was today placed under the care of a veterinarian.

The Highlander led the dog in the procession, immediately ahead of the carriages.

The widowed queen, in a glass paneled carriage, was accompanied by her sister, the Dowager Countess, and her two daughters. Her white face showed tragically her grief and the deepest sympathy of the spectators was aroused at the sight of her.

Another feature of the parade was the presence on opposite sides of the gun carriage that bore the king's body, of Edward's favorite footman and valet.

Simultaneously with the starting of the procession, every railway train and street car throughout Great Britain stopped for intervals varying from two to fifteen minutes. In every manufacturing plant also, all labor was suspended temporarily. Nearly every bell in London tolled during the funeral, the air seeming to vibrate with their sonorous notes of sorrow.

It took two hours and seven minutes for the procession to cover three miles from Westminster Hall to Paddington station, the latter being reached at 11:57. The coffin was quickly transferred from the gun carriage to the funeral car and the run to Windsor was made in half an hour, the body arriving at the latter place at 12:34.

The body of King Edward will eventually be removed to Albert Memorial chapel at Windsor Chapel, for permanent burial. The chapel was so named by the late Queen Victoria in honor of the prince consort. It was built by Henry III, who dedicated it to Edward the Confessor.

Former President Roosevelt, the American ambassador to the funeral, rode with Foreign Minister Pichon, of France, and Sanad Khan, the Persian representative.

Mr. Roosevelt wore evening dress, with black waist coats and black shirt studs and mourning bands. His attire had been designated by the earl marshal.

Following the passage of the funeral procession, the great throng broke into surging seas of humanity, and for a time it seemed that the people would become uncontrollable. Thousands hurried to scores of churches, where memorial exercises were held.

Five thousand floral tributes were banked in the chapel.

### CONGRESSIONAL.

In the Senate yesterday Senator Cummins occupied most of the day discussing his amendment to the railroad bill requiring the approval of the commission to all increases in rates before they shall go into effect.

An effort for an agreement between regular republicans and democrats for united action on the railroad bill failed. The bill was laid aside until Monday.

A lively contest in the Senate has developed over the statehood bill.

Campaign speeches, most of them on the tariff, were delivered in the House.

Mr. Longworth spoke in favor of the proposed appropriation of \$250,000 for the tariff board.

The House sent to conference the report on the agricultural appropriation bill.

Mr. McLaughlin introduced a resolution calling on the secretary of war for information concerning the condition of the national defense. He spoke on his resolution.

Mr. Norris and other insurgents refused to enter the democratic caucus on the postal banks bill.

### SOUTHERN PRESBYTERIANS.

In an old stone church erected in Lewisburg, W. Va., in 1796 "by a few believers in God," so the cornerstone reads, the Presbyterian Church in the United States (South) convened yesterday in its fiftieth general assembly.

More than 300 commissioners were present when Dr. W. E. Boggs, of Atlanta, Ga., the moderator for the last assembly, presided over the organization to order. It was a historic day when the assembly was made from a walnut tree that grew on the farm of Dr. John McEllenry, for 62 years pastor of the church in which the assembly is meeting.

The early hours of the service were consumed by addresses of welcome and responses and the annual sermon by Dr. Boggs. His subject was "The Bible."

The greatest honor in the gift of the Southern Presbyterian Assembly was conferred upon Dr. J. W. Bachman, of Chattanooga, Tenn., when it elected him moderator. The first day's session of the assembly also was marked by the election of Dr. T. H. Law, of Spartanburg, S. C., as state clerk.

The New York Senate passed the Agnew bill prohibiting the publication of betting odds and the Perkins bill relative to keeping betting and gaming establishments. The bills, two of a series of four designed to prohibit bookmaking, now go to the assembly rules committee,

### Episcopal Council.

THURSDAY—SECOND DAY.

Holy Trinity Church, Richmond, May 19.

#### MORNING SESSION.

The council met for business at 9:30 with Bishop Gibson in the chair. The opening prayer was read by Rev. W. J. Morton. Rev. E. L. Goodwin was re-elected secretary of the council with Rev. Dr. Everett Meade appointed as assistant. After the reading of the minutes Rev. Mr. Dickinson read the parochial and diocesan statistics as follows:—Baptisms white adults 252, infants, 544; colored adults, 13, infants, 36. Total baptisms, 845; confirmations, white 778; colored, 45; total 823; marriages, white, 292; colored, 24; total 316; funerals white, 639; colored, 14; total 653; communicants white, 13,447; colored, 371; total, 13,818; Sunday schools, officers and teachers, 1,179; scholars, 10,487; total offerings, parochial, \$157,733 79; diocesan, \$31,389.21; general, \$18,935.15; grand total, \$209,645.95.

Mr. P. H. Mays reported for the finance committee as follows:—Contingent fund contributed for the past year \$9,302.60, being an increase of \$794.26 over the previous year. The sum of \$10,000 is required this year on account of the meeting of the general convention this fall. The contingent fund is devoted to meeting the general expenses of the diocese.

The report of the standing committee of the diocese was given by Rev. P. Phillips, in which it was stated that consent had been given to the consecration of Rev. J. Gardner Murray as coadjutor bishop of Maryland, and to the restoration of Rev. Wm. H. Watts to the ministry; the following were recommended to be ordained priests—Revs. J. J. Gravatt, Jr., Russell Bowie and Gay Douglas Christian; the following to be ordained deacons—John H. Scott (colored) and Sanday Alonzo Morgan (colored); the following to be admitted as candidates for holy orders—Paul Micon and George Victor Bell.

Certain routine reports were then presented after which the council took a recess for divine service at which Rev. J. J. Wilkins made an excellent address on the clergy pension fund for which the last general convention called for an endowment of \$5,000,000.

The council re-assembled for business at 12:30 o'clock, when Bishop Gibson completed his annual address. The bishop referred to the noble historical addresses made in St. John's Church at the opening service and said that conservation is one of the great marks of true progress. All records of the historic past should be carefully preserved.

He referred to the preservation of the old churches and said that during the past year means had been taken for keeping up St. John's, King William county, and restoring old Farnham church. He spoke of the restoration of Lamb's Creek church, King George county, under Rev. B. T. Turner.

The consecration of Coadjutor Bishop Lloyd was referred to as a most auspicious event for the diocese at this time, and the record of his visitations shows how much has been accomplished, and can be accomplished as the years go on. The administrative work of the diocese has increased largely, but far beyond this the bishop must be the chief missionary among his diocesan missionaries, and for this there is abundant opportunity for the work of both bishop and coadjutor whose association together in this case is a most happy one. The bishop then showed that a great part of the church's work is among the poor neglected and to go where such necessity arises. This cannot be covered fully by parish organization. For example, there was the need of the colored people. Dr. Moncreux was appointed as archdeacon in charge of them some years ago. Again, Rev. Mr. Neve commenced his voluntary work among the mountain people in the Blue Ridge in his early ministry in Albemarle county. This prospered and the bishop felt that he ought to receive the title of archdeacon which was given to him three years ago by the council. He does not interfere with the parochial duties of other clergy, but he is indeed an archdeacon to the neglected people of the Blue Ridge. The Rev. Messrs. Mayo, Robb White and W. E. Meeson were appointed his assistants, of whom Rev. Mr. White has now gone to the Philippines. In addition the need of other archdeacons has been felt, so the bishop has appointed the Revs. Everett Meade, D. D., Robert S. Carter, and W. D. Smith as archdeacons whose appointment he hopes the council will confirm.

These archdeacons will draw no salaries, only their traveling expenses being paid. He referred to the valuable work done by Archdeacon Colston who received a salary until the consecration of Bishop Coadjutor Lloyd and only in part since as he has had some special parochial work. The rest of the present archdeacons are also engaged in parochial work.

Two clergy were reported as dead since the last council, Rev. Dabney T. Davis and Rev. Carter Page, late rector at Brandy station.

After certain reports were made, chiefly those referring to auditing accounts, the council took a recess for luncheon at the residence of Bishop Gibson.

#### EVENING SESSION.

The council met for business at 3:30 o'clock at Holy Trinity Church with Bishop Gibson in the chair. The election of council committees then took place. The former standing committee of the diocese was re-elected. The executive committee of the diocese missionary society were all re-elected with the exception of Rev. E. S. Ware, whose place was filled by Rev. Robt. J. McBryde, D. D.

The committee on Canons through its chairman, Dr. R. K. Massie, reported that the present method of raising the contingent fund be continued for another year and that a committee be appointed at this council to consider the whole question. This amendment to Canon VIII was carried.

The report of the committee on St. Ann's female school was next presented in which it was stated that the whole amount required for the purchase of the property has been raised, and \$11,000 has been paid an account for this; the property has been incorporated and a board of trustees elected. It is expected that the school will be opened next fall with a competent corps of instructors.

It was resolved by the council that this school be heartily approved, that the raising of an endowment fund and scholarships be strongly recommended

and that where capital stock cannot be taken contributions can be given to the equipment fund.

The question of the proposed preamble and revision of the general church came up next in order on the report of the committee appointed last year. The committee's report was read in favor of the preamble. Dr. Morris, rector of Monumental Church, Richmond, offered resolutions opposing the report of the committee. The objections urged against it are that it places the creeds on a par with canonical enactments and that by the term "his American Church" the way may be more definitely opened up for the change of name from its present one "Protestant Episcopal." Much discussion followed on this resolution, which was continued until the hour of adjournment at six o'clock.

The meeting in the interest of general missions was largely attended to night. Services were conducted by Rev. John J. Gravatt, D. D. Bishop Gibson presided. Rev. William D. Smith, the first speaker, recently attended the great meeting in Chicago held under the auspices of the Laymen's Missionary Movement. The information gained there qualified him to speak with authority. Other speakers were: Eugene C. Massie, Oliver J. Sands, president of the Laymen's Missionary Movement in Richmond, and Bishop-Coadjutor A. S. Lloyd, D. D. who closed the discussion.

The regular annual meeting of the council sitting as a committee of the whole on diocesan missions took place last night at 8:15 o'clock. Bishop Gibson presided. After a short service the annual report of the society was read by the secretary, Rev. Robert A. Goodwin, and the annual report on colored work was read by Archdeacon Moncreux. Addresses were then made by Archdeacon Colston and others. Rev. H. B. Lee read the report of Miss Sarah Stuart on the work of the Women's Auxiliary for the past year in the diocese of Virginia.

### SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION.

President Taft was the central figure at yesterday's session of the World's Sunday School Association, now in convention in Washington. At last night's mass meeting, held in Convention Hall, he acknowledged the Bible school as a powerful force in the moral and educational uplift of the world. Again and again his utterances on this subject were cheered to the echo.

Other speakers at last night's meeting were Rev. Dr. Samuel H. Green, of Washington; former Postmaster General John W. Wadsworth; Rev. J. Monro Gibson, England; Bishop Yoksis, Japan, and Bishop Harzill, of Africa. Because of the great crowd outside Convention Hall an evening meeting was held in a neighboring church.

Rev. F. B. Meyer, of England, president of the association, in introducing President Taft, declared that for the past 20 years he had "prayed for the president of the United States every Sunday after prayer for the king of England. And this" he added "is a communion in England."

Mr. Taft replied to this by saying that he hoped these prayers would continue. "My experience," he said, "is that these prayers are needed."

The report of the executive committee, which reviewed the work since the last convention in Rome in 1907, disclosed a great work of evangelization and declared the great need of more if all the world is to be reached. The world's enrollment in Sunday schools now is more than 25,000,000 students, more than 2,000,000 teachers and more than a quarter of a million schools.

The executive committee in its report refers to the relations between Protestantism and the Church of Rome in these words:

"A splendid spirit has permeated our relations one with another, and indications are not wanting to show that there is in the minds of at least a few of the leading prelates of the Church of Rome a hope that the day will soon dawn when Protestantism and the Church of Rome will find some common ground from which they may conduct a campaign against a common enemy. Despite the recent occurrence in Italy, the Church of Rome is becoming more and more tolerant towards Protestantism. When this shall become as complete as the toleration with which the Church of Rome is regarded by Protestants, there will dawn a day of exceptional promise for the Kingdom of Him Whom we love."

The first official act of the convention yesterday afternoon was the adoption of a resolution of sympathy for the bereaved queen mother of England.

With at least 10,000 men in line the parade this evening of adult Bible classes will be one of the most striking features of the convention. Organized into divisions and under the charge of marshals this great army will move down Pennsylvania avenue. Starting at six o'clock and led by a band of forty pieces the paraders will proceed to the Capitol where from the east steps they will be reviewed by a vast concourse of the feminine delegates and church workers.

Conditions in Nicaragua.

Buefides, May 19.—Marines with machine guns from the United States occupied Paducah today threw up a line of defense about the American consulate here, and will remain on duty until the impending crisis in Nicaragua is passed. The consulate commands the main street of Bluefields.

The Madrid and Estrada armies are facing each other within three miles of the city. Outposts fighting was started this morning and the deciding conflict will undoubtedly soon be in progress.

### Another Earthquake.

Port Limon, May 20.—Another earthquake shook Costa Rica today. Reports from San Jose and the interior indicate there was great property damage. A tidal wave here swept the streets near the fruit docks. It is believed the greatest damage was inflicted east of here in the Antilles.

### Earthquake.

Cleveland, Ohio, May 20.—Father Odebach, of St. Ignatius' College, reported an earthquake, which bears many of the characteristics of those occurring on the Pacific coast.

John D. Rockefeller would go broke if he should spend his entire income (trying to prepare a better medicine than Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy for diarrhoea, dysentery or bowel complaints. It is simply impossible, and so says every one that has used it. Sold by W. F. Orlington & Co., and Richard Gibson.

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### THE METHODISTS.

The General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church South in session at Asheville, N. C., yesterday by a vote of 188 to 74 refused to accede to the memorials from the Women's Home Mission Society asking that the women be given equal rights of the laity.

Yielding the floor of the house to Miss Belle H. Bennett, president of the Women's Home Mission Society, the conference heard an earnest and eloquent plea from her that the request be granted, but "the fullness of the time" had evidently "not come," to use the words of the majority report, when the women should be placed upon an equal footing with the men.

The action of the conference in rescinding its action of Wednesday regarding lay representation in the annual conference means that no change will likely be made for at least the next four years.

A motion to reconsider Wednesday's action was carried, and the original resolution was lost by a large majority. This leaves the lay representation as it was before this general conference.

The conference adopted the report of the committee on church federation recommending a supreme council composed of 18 members, nine from the Methodist Episcopal Church South, and nine from the Methodist Episcopal Church, to be entrusted with advisory powers in regard to world-wide missions, Christian education and the evangelization of the uncivilized masses, and also have full power to hear and finally determine, without appeal from its decisions, cases of misunderstanding between the two churches of Methodism.

The membership of the council shall be as follows: Six bishops, six traveling preachers and six laymen. The nine members from the Methodist Episcopal Church South shall be elected quinquennially by the general conference upon nomination by the committee of church relations. Vacancies occurring during the quadrennium shall be filled by the commissioners.

The bishops have announced the plan of episcopal visitation for the next conference year. Bishop A. W. Wilson has been appointed to preside over the Virginia, North Georgia and the Alabama annual conferences. Bishop Hiss will hold the Baltimore Conference, which will meet at Clifton Forge, Va., March, 1911. Bishop Collins Denny, one of the new bishops, formerly a member of the Baltimore Conference, has been assigned to hold the Missouri, St. Louis and the Oklahoma conferences.

The following nominated by the committee on church relations were elected: Bishops A. W. Wilson, E. E. Hoss and Collins Denny, Rev. W. J. Young, Rev. F. M. Thomas, Rev. C. M. Bishop, L. L. Walton, R. S. Hyer and W. B. Subbs.

The most impressive and imposing ceremonies of the whole general conference was witnessed by a great throng which crowded Central Church at 3 o'clock yesterday afternoon when the seven newly elected bishops were ordained.

After an elaborate and elegant service and an impressive sermon by Bishop A. W. Wilson, Bishops Denny, Kilgo, Murray, Lambuth, Waterhouse, Muzzon and McCoy were formally ordained bishops of the Methodist Episcopal Church South.

Rev. F. J. Prettyman and Rev. E. V. Regester, of the Baltimore Conference, presented Bishop Denny for ordination and participated in the ceremony.

### News of the Day.

Yie Ohsin Yung, the Korean who stabbed Premier Yi in an attempt at assassination on December 22 last, was yesterday sentenced to death.

The U. S. gunboats Dubuque and Paducah landed 160 sailors at Bluefields, Nicaragua, yesterday, to protect American interests in Bluefields and to prevent fighting within the town limits. The American force is prepared for any emergency, having taken ashore several fields guns and rapid-firers.

Nine crowned heads of Europe and several heirs to thrones sat down in Buckingham Palace last night at a dinner which King George gave to all his eminent guests assembled in London for the funeral of King Edward tomorrow. After the dinner the members of all the suites were introduced to the king. Mr. Roosevelt was also one of the guests at the dinner.

An old burial ground was discovered in an excavation being made at Ninteenth and M Street Philadelphia, yesterday. Old residents say that the site was once known as the "Lebanon wing" of the old Philadelphia cemetery. One of the bodies exhumed was that of a man who had evidently been buried alive. The thumb of the left hand was fastened between the teeth with the bone partly bitten through and in the right hand was clutched a mass of hair that the man had torn from his scalp.

### COMETARY NOTES.

Following closely on the wholly unexpected astronomical condition that prevailed early yesterday, when the tail of Halley's comet was plainly seen in the east, astronomers